

SENATE BILL 521

By Briggs

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11,
Chapter 3, relative to discounts at state parks for
veterans with service-connected disabilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-3-121, is amended by deleting
subdivision (b)(1) and substituting:

(A) The commissioner shall offer discounted rates for activities at state parks to
veterans who are Tennessee residents.

(B) The commissioner shall offer a year-round discount in the amount of one
hundred percent (100%) for camping or overnight lodging fees at state parks for a
maximum of three (3) overnight stays, each of which must not exceed three (3) days in
duration, per calendar year to veterans who have any service-connected disability that is
determined by the veterans administration to constitute a one hundred percent (100%)
permanent total disability. The discount required by this subdivision (b)(1)(B) is subject
to the availability of camping or overnight lodging accommodations. Certification from
the veterans' administration indicating the veteran's percentage of service-connected
disability must be presented in order to receive the discounted fee.

(C) In addition to the discount required by subdivision (b)(1)(B), the
commissioner shall offer a year-round discount in the amount of no less than fifty
percent (50%) for camping fees at state parks to veterans who have any service-
connected disability that is determined by the veterans administration to constitute a one
hundred percent (100%) permanent total disability. Certification from the veterans'

administration indicating the veteran's percentage of service-connected disability must be presented in order to receive the discounted fee.

(D) Except for the discounts required by subdivisions (b)(1)(B) and (b)(1)(C), the commissioner may determine the specific activities for which other discounts would apply, as well as the timing and amount of each discount; provided, that the other discounts must only be offered to resident veterans during the off season.

SECTION 2. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this Act. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 3. For purposes of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.